



THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Meeting Date: December 16, 2015 - Wednesday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Modugno, Pincetl, Smith, Louie, Pedersen

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Matthew Dubiel, Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Mr. Joe Nicchitta, Deputy

Planning Director: Mr. Mark Child, Deputy Director, Advance Planning Division
Mr. Mitch Glaser, Assistant Administrator, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pedersen representing the Fourth Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the agenda for December 16, 2015 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved unanimously.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. There were no reports given by County Counsel.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

5. Motion/second by Commissioners Smith/Louie – That the minutes for November 4, 2015 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/second by Commissioners Smith/Louie – That the minutes for November 18, 2015 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Smith, Louie, Modugno and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Pincetl being recorded as abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Zoning Permits - North Section

Project Approved

6. **Project No. R2014-00920-(5). Conditional Use Permit No. 201400043. Applicant: Four Aces Movie Location. 14499 E. Avenue Q, Palmdale. Antelope Valley East Zoned District. To authorize a motion picture set within the A-2-1 (Heavy Agricultural, One Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone, the Antelope Valley East Zoned District, and the Big Rock Wash Significant Ecological Area. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Mr. Claghorn presented the staff report followed by testimony from Peter Flack, the applicant and his representative Ramon Baguio, both in favor of the project. Two members of the public also provided testimony in support, an employee of the permittee and a film industry worker. There were no members in opposition, no rebuttal was required.

Motion/second by Commissioners Pedersen/Smith – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines and approve Conditional Use Permit No. 201400043 with findings and conditions of approval. The appeal period for this item ends on Wednesday, December 30, 2015.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

Zoning Permits - West Section

Project Approved

7. **Project No. R2014-03096-(2). Applicant: Special Services for Groups, Inc. 4618 E. Compton Boulevard. East Compton Zoned District. a. Conditional Use Permit No. 201500029. To authorize the construction and use of a two-family residence (duplex) in the C-3 (Unlimited Commercial) Zone of the East Compton Community Standards District. This project is categorically exempt Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements. b. Parking Permit No. 201500002. To authorize the 50-percent reduction in the required vehicle parking spaces for this project.**

Mr. Temple presented the staff report followed by the applicant's representative, Brian Hui provided testimony in favor of the project. He indicated that the service they are providing is for homeless youth and homeless families, to provide access to housing and extend the continued care to youth that are transitioning out of the foster system.

Commissioner Louie raised questions on potential parking impacts. It was determined that due to the small scale of the request for reduction of vehicle parking spaces required, that being two total spaces, and because of the high availability of street parking, the impact to parking in the area would be less than significant.

Commissioner Pincetl suggested that the Commission should explore in the future alternatives for parking by having the tenant consider renting parking space between 9:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. from County facilities such as parks and libraries, for additional demand upon street parking.

The two on-site parking spaces will be reserved for use by supportive service staff. If in the future the duplex is no longer being used as permanent supportive housing and is being used as two individual duplex units, then one parking space shall be specifically dedicated to each unit.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pincetl – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/second by Commissions Louie/Pincetl – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. 201500029 and Parking Permit No. 201500002 with findings and conditions of approval.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Impact Analysis

Action Taken as Noted

8. **Project No. R2015-03679-(1-5). Informational presentation on impacts of drought and pest infestations on oak trees, with special note on containment efforts of infestations.**

Mr. Decruyenaere presented the Commissioners with information on drought effects on oak trees in Los Angeles County, including problems with pest insects. He described two new pests impacting oak trees: 1) the goldspotted oak borer (GSOB), a flatheaded borer new to California that is posing a significant threat to oak trees; and 2) the polyphagous shot hole borer (PSHB) beetle, from the group of beetles known as ambrosia beetles.

He indicated that each pest feeds off beneath the bark of certain oaks near the interface of the phloem and xylem which provides the nutrient and water conducting tissues of plants. The larvae damage both the tissues of the cambium, a unicellular layer between the phloem and xylem that is responsible for the growth of the tree.

Mr. Decruyenaere indicated that infested wood should never be moved outside of the current area to prevent spreading to new areas. If you suspect GSOB or PSHB infestation your oak trees, contact your local agricultural office.

At the direction of the Chair, with no further questions for staff, the Commissioners accepted the update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. **Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.**

Ms. Deborah Ann Hunter, a member of the community of Willowbrook-Enterprise Zoned District voiced her concerns on the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park not providing after school programs. The Commission suggested that she should stay involved when the project goes to the Board of Supervisors.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

10. **Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.**

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

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CONTINUATION OF REPORTS (Cont.)

11. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2016.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Pedersen – That the Regional Planning Commission elects Commissioner Pincetl as Chair and Commissioner Doug Smith as Vice Chair for Regional Planning Commission for calendar year 2016.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

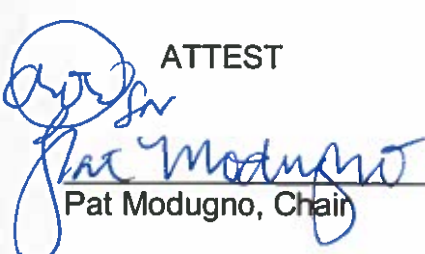
The Commission adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to Wednesday, January 6, 2016.



Rosie O. Ruiz, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Pat Modugno, Chair



Mitch Glaser, Assistant Administrator
Current Planning Division
Item Nos. 1-7



Mark Child, Deputy Director
Advance Planning Division
Item Nos. 8-11